

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kevin R. Buchler, Gary R. Cunningham,
Todd Dennis, Bryan M. Hankel, John E.
Linville, Donald R. Maier, Stephanie E.
Mauch, Vincent Mark Moster, Roger
L. Reuss, Patrick M. Saaf

Atty. Docket: HILB / 624C6

Title: CASKET LID AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL - 37 CFR 1.10

'Express Mail' mailing label number: EV354967974US
Date of Deposit: April 19, 2004

I certify that this paper or fee (along with the enclosures noted herein) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service 'Express Mail Post Office to Addressee' service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the above date and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Christina Rodgers
By: Christina Rodgers (person mailing paper)

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

*Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450*

This is a request for filing, under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), a(n):

- ☐ Original (non-provisional) application.
- ☐ Divisional of prior application Serial No. __, filed on __.
- ☒ **Continuation of prior application Serial No. 10/261,406, filed on October 1, 2002, which is a continuation of Serial No. 10/093,288 filed 03/07/02, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/457,163 filed 12/08/99, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/153,626 filed 09/15/98.**
- ☐ Continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. __, filed on __.

For Divisional and Continuation applications ONLY:

- ☒ **Copy of Executed Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition Form from parent application is enclosed (as noted below in Enclosures).**
- ☒ **Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.**

For all Divisional, Continuation and Continuation-in-part applications:

- ☐ Small Entity Status was requested in the prior application, and small entity status is still proper and desired.
- ☒ **This application is assigned to Batesville Services, Inc. of One Batesville Boulevard, Batesville, IN 47006-7798 by virtue of an earlier assignment filed in the prior application at Reel 13971, Frame 457-463.**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT/CALCULATION OF FEES

- ☐ Please cancel claims __ without prejudice, and prior to calculating the fees. __ total claim(s), of which __ is(are) independent, is(are) pending after the amendment.
- ☒ Please enter the enclosed preliminary amendment identified below prior to calculating the fees. 8 total claims, of which 8 are independent, are pending after the amendment.
- ☐ Small Entity Status is Requested
- ☒ The Fees are Calculated as Follows:

Fee:	Number of Claims:	In Excess of:	Extra:	At Rate:	Amount:
Total Claims	8	20	0	\$18	\$0.00
Independent Claims	8	3	5	\$86	\$430.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					
BASIC FEE					\$770.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS					\$1,200.00
REDUCTION BY 50% FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY					
TOTAL					\$1,200.00

ENCLOSURES

- ☒ Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form (in duplicate) containing Certificate of Mailing By Express Mail Under 37 CFR 1.10.
- ☒ Return Postcard.

APPLICATION PAPERS

- ☒ Utility Patent Application, with: cover sheet, 36 pages specification (including 78 total claims, of which 18 are independent, and 1 page abstract).
- ☒ Drawings: 10 sheets of formal drawings (24 total figures).
- ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix).
- ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence, including (all are necessary): Computer Readable Copy, Paper Copy (identical to computer copy), and Statement verifying identity of copies.
- ☐ An __ Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition Form.
- ☒ Copy of Executed Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition Form from prior application identified above.
- ☐ Certified Copy of priority document(s) identified as attached above.

ADDITIONAL PAPERS

- ☐ Assignment to __, Recordation Cover Sheet (Form PTO-1595)
- ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment (to be entered prior to calculation of fees)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, __ sheet(s) Form PTO-1449, __ U.S. Patent Reference(s), __ Foreign Patent Reference(s) and __ Other Reference(s)
- ☐ Other: __

CHECKS

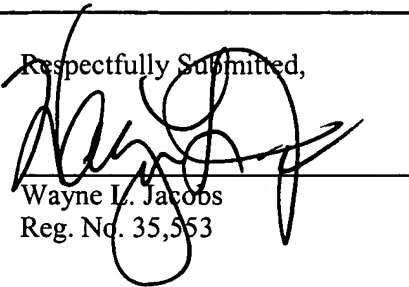
- ☒ A Check of \$1,200.00 for the filing fee.
- ☐ A Check of for the assignment recording fee.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of .
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-3000. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.
- ☐ THE PAYMENT OF FEES IS BEING DEFERRED.

WOOD, HERRON & EVANS, L.L.P.
2700 Carew Tower
441 Vine St.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
(513) 241-2324
WLJ/mad

Respectfully Submitted,


Wayne L. Jacobs
Reg. No. 35,553